

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following remarks. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Allmendinger et al. publication, Z. Anorg. Allg. Chem., 2003, 629:1347-1352 ("Allmendinger"). Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over the Allmendinger. The applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

The present application claims priority of German application DE 102 35 317.4, filed on August 1, 2002. Applicant submits herewith an English translation of priority document no. DE 102 35 317.4. The applicant believes that they are now entitled to benefit of their priority date. The publication that has been applied against the claims by the Examiner was published after the applicant's effective filing date. Therefore these rejections then should be withdrawn.

In view of the above response, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant has paid for a one-month extension of time. Applicant believes no additional fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 13156-00001-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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